- Use of cleaner fuels such as LPG in households to reduce indoor air pollution.
- Launching of the epidemiological studies to develop dose-response relationships, which will help in developing appropriate air quality standards.
- Institutions of economic instruments to encourage industries to adopt cleaner technologies and other conservation practices and to discourage the over-utilisation of natural resources.

Special protection to wild animals

†2829. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to extend special protection to wild animals which are becoming extinct;

(b) if so, whether Government have prepared any plan in this regard, so far;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Central Government has adopted the National Wildlife Action Plan for the period 2002—2016. The main components of the Action Plan are:

(i) Strengthening and enhancing the network of Protected Areas in various biogeographic regions.
(ii) Management of national parks and sanctuaries on the basis of scientifically prepared management plan through committed and skilled personnel.
(iii) Providing special protection to endangered species and their habitat.

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(iv) Restoring the degrading wildlife habitats both within Protected Areas and outside.

(v) Control of poaching and illegal trade in wildlife products.

(vi) Research on various aspects related to wildlife conservation.

(vii) Upgrading the skills of field personnel through training and workshops.

(viii) Encouraging involvement of local communities in conservation efforts.

(ix) Upgrading the legal framework for wildlife conservation.

(x) Ensuring substantial availability of funds for conservation measures.

(xi) Regular monitoring of wildlife conservation efforts in the country.

(d) Does not arise.

Production and sale of forest products in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh

†2830. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the quality of production and sale of timber and firewood—the main forest products of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh, during the last three years;

(b) the revenue earned therefrom every year;

(c) the period for which ban was imposed on deforestation by the Central Government on the Supreme Court orders; and

(d) the details of production, sale and earnings from timber and firewood, since the period of ban, so far?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a), (b) and (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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